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Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)

AVRL Expos

The Library has taken part in several spring expos sponsored by various community groups – Diabetes Awareness Day, Celebrating 50 Plus, and Community Expo 2004. These events present excellent opportunities to talk with non-library users as well as those who already know about some of the services offered by AVRL. In addition, it's a great way to make contact with other exhibitors. As a result of participating in the spring expos AVRL has received donations of new Tai Chi titles donated by the local group, set up diabetes on-line workshops for the fall, and received numerous requests from people checking out the book displays.

Programs/Events

An Open House was held at the Annapolis Royal Library on the evening of May 14 to celebrate the 10th anniversary in this location. Guest speakers were the co-chairs of the past Friends Committee who had worked diligently on this project – Phil Roberts & Anne Rice.

A 2-hour Feng Shui workshop was held at the Wolfville Memorial Library on May 15. Guest presenter was a representative from Atlantic Feng Shui.

The CAP Lab at the Wolfville Memorial Library is currently offering a 4 part course in JAVA programming for beginners. This is being taught by Ken Bie, a Computer Science student at Acadia University.

Smart Libraries Project

Project funding concluded at the end of March, 2004. A partnership with Western Counties Regional Library and Paradise Consulting (developer) continues as AVRL explores the business possibilities of marketing the project as *Library in a Box*. The product would need further development to be ready for another library to use. Before the conclusion of the funded portion of the project, work was done on the administrative part of the site. The functions of the site were streamlined to make it easier to use over the long term. Long term sustainability is assured with very little intervention from a developer.



"Hi, my name is Annabug.
Visit a library near you."

From remaining Smart Libraries funds, AVRL has purchased new promotional materials. An informational brochure was developed, new canvas book bags were designed, and magnets featuring Annabug – AVRL's new fun library character – have already arrived.

Migration to Unicorn

AVRL has begun creating a special collection of items which can be used to refresh branch collections during the final stage of migration. On June 7 & 8 the region will host staff information days for all staff, providing an overview and forum for discussion of the regional plan for the migration period.

Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

Tara MacNeil, a new CBRL staff member who has assumed responsibility for future contributions to *The Disseminator*, introduces herself:

"I'm writing to this issue of *The Disseminator* to introduce myself. My name is Tara MacNeil and on April 1, 2004, I started a one year contract at the McConnell Library, Sydney. My history with the library dates back a little further than this spring. Initially, I was hired in October 2003 to help update CBRL's patron database, a job that kept me busy over the winter months. One thing lead to another and I feel very fortunate to be continuing on at the library. Over the next year I'll be assisting Theresa MacDonald and Donna MacLeod in the Programming and Public Relations Office. I came to this new position armed with lots of attitude . . . positive attitude, and under Theresa and Donna's guidance I hope that I can help in bridging more opportunities and experiences for Cape Bretoners through their library."

Colchester-East Hants Regional Library (CEHRL)

Read to Feed

Partnering with the Truro Rotary Club, CEHRL's successful winter reading program Read to Feed helped buy gifts for youth overseas through the organization Heifer International. With the 860 shares gained by reading, the participants contributed to purchases of a heifer, 1 sheep, 1 camel, 2 flocks of chicks, 2 beehives and tree seedlings. Youth from rural areas can relate these purchases to their own 4 - H projects and appreciate what a difference these gifts can make to a family in another country. It has been requested by CEHRL's Youth Services that the gifts purchased be sent to Tanzania where Heifer International currently has a matching grant available. The Read to Feed reading program will be offered next year with an earlier starting date and will be promoted by outreach activities in several school classes.

Successful Campaign

The Colchester-East Hants Regional Library Foundation surpassed their goal of \$25,000 receiving \$30,964 during their five month donation campaign. Edith Patterson, Chairwomen of the Library Foundation, presented a cheque for \$15,000 to John Patterson, Chairman of the Library Board, at the April meeting of the CEHRL Board in Truro. The grant to the library will contribute to improve the collection and the purchase of security systems for Truro and Elmsdale.

New Format For Class Tours

Youth Services recently tested a new format for class tours and orientation at the Truro Branch. Two grade six classes recently visited the library with one class receiving the *traditional* tour of the youth services reading room and its resources, while the other class got a *virtual* tour of the library web site, concentrating on the new homework help page, online encyclopedia and magazine databases. At a designated time the groups changed places and the tours were repeated. The new format seemed to be a hit, as the teachers have now booked the grade 4 classes for the same tour.

Cumberland Regional Library (CURL)

A Staff Development Day was held on May 17 and all branches were closed for the day. The first part of the day consisted of an information session and the rest of the program consisted of a customer service workshop, summer reading program workshop, online database training and a discussion about migration downtime.

Frances Newman, Chief Librarian, attended the Association of Fundraising Professionals Conference in Halifax and found it to be very useful with numerous tips on fundraising. Beth Clinton, Assistant Librarian, attended a Young Adult Services Conference in Toronto at the end of April. This conference offered program ideas for teens as well as book suggestions, and innovative ways to get young adults to come to the library.

A new Branch Assistant was hired for the Advocate Library. Glenda Dunham, who previously worked as a substitute for that branch, assumed the permanent position on May 6 after Doris Collins resigned. CURL was successful in obtaining a Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations grant for a Summer Reading Club Coordinator, as well as four positions through HRDC for summer students in library CAP sites.

Magician Al Bernard returned at the end of April for his annual magic shows in Amherst and Springhill. Over 120 children attended the shows. Other programs offered included rubber stamping and painting on glass. CURL participated in Cumberland County's annual Open House at the municipal building on April 26. The Open House provides a way for local services to showcase what they have to offer. Kids are bussed in from schools and the event is open to the general public as well.

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

Preliminary meetings have begun in partnership with the Port Hawkesbury Literacy Council in anticipation of the Council's third annual fundraising event, *FEIS 2004: An Ode to the Outport*, an evening of supper, author readings and prizes scheduled to be held on Friday, September 10. The committee has already secured award-winning authors Donna Morrissey and Billy Budge for the evening, which will continue the tradition of promoting awareness of literacy issues and raising funds for the Literacy Council.

Gerry Doucet was the man of the hour during his recent appearance at the Port Hawkesbury Branch, launching his new book, *Acadian Footprints: The Roots and Reflections of Gérald (Gerry) Doucet*. Arriving at the library immediately following a similar launch in the Petit de Grats Library, Doucet spoke of his connections to the community and entertained the crowd with anecdotes of his early years.



Gerry Doucet speaks of his early days in Port Hawkesbury.

ECRL continues to promote its services by participating in trade shows throughout the counties it serves. At the Cheticamp Kinsmen Trade Show held in late April, Mary Landry, Public Services Librarian and Terri Morse, Library Assistant for School Services, represented ECRL, meeting the public and advising them of the Links service in St. Joseph du Moine and the Books by Mail and House Holder programs.



Terri Morse is all smiles as she prepares to meet Trade Show attendees.

Halifax author Robert Bob Hartlen, was at the Port Hawkesbury Library recently to launch the publication of his book *Beyond the Butterbox: A Collection of Stories of Survivors of The Ideal Maternity Home*. After his first book, *Butterbox Survivors* was published in 1999, Bob was approached by many more people who came forward with their stories, resulting in several families being reunited, and prompting Bob to once again put pen to paper, resulting in this second collection. At the launch Bob held the audience in the palm of his hand as he recounted stories of hope and inspiration, asking those present to "journey with each of us in this book."



Author Robert Hartlen prepares to sign copies of his newest book *Beyond the Butterbox: A Collection of Stories of Survivors of The Ideal Maternity Home*.

Halifax Public Libraries (HPL)

Monday Openings at Alderney Gate Public Library

In response to community demand for increased service hours, the Alderney Gate Public Library is now open on Monday from 10 am to 9 pm.

The Alderney Gate opening is the second HPL location to open its doors on Mondays (the Keshen Goodman Public Library has been open Mondays since May of 2003) and is a step in what is hoped will be a phased approach to expanded openings across the region in years to come.

Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL)

BCANS Tour

WCRL was privileged to host, on May 15 at the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library in Yarmouth, the first in what will be a province-wide breast health awareness program. The launch program was presented by Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia in association with Nova Scotia Public Libraries. The province-wide tour is organized by Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia (BCANS), a survivor-driven group that voices the unique concerns of people living with breast cancer. BCANS has a long history of promoting education about breast health and breast cancer, developing networks among women with breast cancer and providing a reliable online source of breast cancer information and support. Nova Scotia Public Libraries have received from BCANS a series of up-to-date books on issues relating to breast cancer that are now available for loan at libraries throughout the province. Along with BCANS, there were representatives of several provincial and local agencies, including: Breast Cancer Foundation, Cancer Care Nova Scotia, Reach for Recovery, Nova Scotia Breast Screening Program, Canadian Cancer Society and the Clare Breast Cancer Support Group.



Displays filled the lobby of the Yarmouth Branch Library during the BCANS Health Fair.

Adopt-a-Book Update

At the midway point of WCRL's Adopt-a-Book campaign, 767 books, valued at just over \$16,000 have been purchased. The campaign has been aided by several large donations which launched the campaign. WCRL's Friends of the Library groups are again making their presence felt during this campaign, as all six of the Friends groups have made significant contributions. The Shelburne group donated \$1,000, while the Friends group in Clark's Harbour held a Mother's Day tea party which resulted in 40 books adopted that week.



Members of the Weymouth Friends of the Library Group with armfuls of books they adopted.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES INTERLIBRARY LOAN MEETING APRIL 30, 2004

The annual Nova Scotia Regional Public Libraries interlibrary loan meeting was held on Friday, April 30, 2004 in the classroom at Provincial Library. Representatives of all nine regional public libraries and the Provincial Library were in attendance. Attendees dealt with a full agenda which included revising the interlibrary loan routing chart, placing holds in regional public library banks, book rate update, review of lending / borrowing policies, interlibrary loans for the print disabled, finding locations for non-print materials, interlibrary loan function and system migration, and book club loans.

A highlight of the meeting was a special presentation by Walt Tanner from the Ferguson Library - St. Mary's University, on finding locations for non-print materials. He provided handouts and did a demonstration on finding non-print materials on AMICUS.

SMART SEARCH UPDATE

The Nova Scotia Provincial Library hosted the last Smart Search Update audio session for the 2003/2004 season on May 6. Three of these 60 minute telephone conference sessions were presented by Rita Vine, an Internet search expert, in partnership with the Ontario Library Association from December, 2003 to May, 2004. During each session Rita presented business news about popular search engines, advanced search engine tips, and information about new search tools to try. Ten to fourteen participants attended each session, which the Provincial Library received by conference telephone call. The sessions are a good way to keep up with new developments in Internet searching.

MIGRATION TO UNICORN

The NcompasS Consortium migration to Unicorn became much more real in May! During the week of May 24th, Sirsi's Jean-Yves Cote delivered the first official Unicorn training to NSPL staff and NcompasS member libraries. On June 1st the consortium's first migration test database was made available for data validation.

Staff from the regional public libraries who will be taking training directly from Sirsi on different modules over the next few months were all present at the Introduction and Searching sessions and excited to view Datastream covers and reviews in their own test public catalogues. Training will be rolled out to member libraries using a train-the-trainer model.

The NcompasS Consortium is scheduled to be live on Unicorn in January 2005.

HOT TIPS AND UPDATES

HACKMATAK 2004 AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The winners of the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award 2004 were announced at the award ceremony on Friday, May 28 at the Brinton Auditorium, Atlantic Baptist University, Moncton, New Brunswick. Alan Cumyn, the author of *The Secret Life of Owen Skye* was the winner in the English fiction category, Karen Levine received the English nonfiction award for her book *Hana's Suitcase* and the winner of the French category was Lucia Cavezzali for *Opération Juliette*.

The Secret Life of Owen Skye tells the story of three brothers with wild imaginations and their adventures with the deadly Bog Man, mysterious messages from aliens and avoiding pesky girls wanting to play doctor. Alan Cumyn has several award-winning novels for adults, but this is his first for children. He lives in Ottawa, Ontario.

In *Hana's Suitcase* we find out about the history of the Holocaust through the experience of one 13-year-old Czechoslovakian girl and her family and the inspiring unearthing of Hanna's story by a young Japanese woman. Karen Levine is an award-winning documentary producer who works for CBC in Toronto, Ontario.

Dans *Opération Juliette* Marika a de nouveau l'occasion de mettre ses talents de détective à l'épreuve. Avec Francis et Annie, elle suit la piste de personnages mystérieux qui correspondent par codes secrets. Lucia Cavezzali est agente de bord pour une compagnie aérienne depuis dix ans mais elle consacre de plus en plus de temps à l'écriture pour les jeunes. Elle est née à Val-David, au Québec.

The Hackmatack Award ceremony was the culmination of this year's award week, during which sixteen of the nominated Canadian authors visited participating schools and libraries in New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and the Prince Edward Island. Approximately three hundred reading groups, and thousands of children from grades four to six, participated this year by reading the thirty nominated books.

To see the new nominated books for the 2004/2005 Hackmatack Award and more information about the award program, check out the Hackmatack website at www.hackmatack.ca.

REFERENCE ON THE NET

Here are some more reference questions which were referred to the Provincial Library by the Regional Public Libraries and answered with help from resources found on the Internet.

Q. Would like a selection of romance books in the Russian language.

A. Library and Archives Canada's new web portal, *Multicultural Resources and Services: Resources et Services Multiculturels* has a *Multicultural Resources and Services Directory* at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/multicultural/r25-100-e.php> which is useful for this kind of question. You can browse by language or type *Russian* in the search box. The list of resources which comes up includes Canadian libraries that have Russian language books in their collections. You can then go to the web catalogues of these libraries and search for works of fiction in Russian which might include some romance novels. Searches of some library catalogues will be more fruitful than others in locating titles. The *Multicultural Resources and Services Directory* also lists Canadian book dealers which provide titles in Russian in case the library or the patron wants to buy books.

Q. Looking for a pattern for a child size Adirondack chair.

A. *Woodworker's Journal* at <http://www.woodworkersjournal.com/> has a plan for a child's Adirondack chair. To find it click on *Plans*, *Plans*, *Plans* and enter *adirondack* in the search box. This brings up a list of citations for plans for Adirondack chairs in past issues of *Woodworker's Journal* including one titled *Chair & Settee - Child's Adirondack* Volume 17, Issue 2, Page 58. Mar/Apr 1993.

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June 27 has been designated Canadian Multiculturalism Day by the Government of Canada. The Department of Canadian Heritage has a Multiculturalism web site at http://www.pch.gc.ca/special/canada/11/multi_e.cfm where there is an A-Z Index that lists links to programs, organizations and information related to multiculturalism. Some other multicultural web sites with useful content are featured in this month's *Linked* column.

The *Cultures Canada* web site at <http://www.culturescanada.ca/> is sponsored by the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Canadian Ethnocultural Council. Some useful features are the *Cultural Communities* section where there is a database of links to organizations arranged by cultural group, the *Organizations* section which has a database that can be searched for organizations by national, provincial and local level and further by city or province, and the *Links* section which has over 400 links arranged by categories.

At the *Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia* web site <http://www.mans.ns.ca/> click on the *Database* tab to access the ethno-cultural database of people who provide services to the community. This web site is only available using Internet Explorer.

Multicultural Resources and Services: Resources et Services Multiculturels at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/multicultural/> is a web portal of Library and Archives Canada. There is a *Multicultural Resources and Services Directory* at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/multicultural/r25-100-e.php>. A useful part of this directory is the language browse feature where you can select a particular language and get a list of libraries which have collections of books in that language; newspapers and magazines in the language that are published in Canada; and Canadian book dealers that are sources of books in the language. You can also browse by type, which includes distributors, jobbers, library, media, newspaper, periodical, publisher and vendors. If you want to do a more precise search use advanced search. The page titled *Libraries with Multicultural Web Content* at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/multicultural/r25-305-e.html#a> lists libraries in Canada and some other countries which have online multicultural content. There are lists of jobbers, vendors and distributors of other language materials in Canada at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/multicultural/r25-306-e.html>.

Integration-Net at <http://integration-net.cic.gc.ca/> was developed by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. There is an *Infocentre* at <http://integration-net.cic.gc.ca/english/infocentre/index.htm> which has a virtual library of information and resources to help immigrants settle into Canadian society. Click on the *Resources* section to search by selecting a category, language or type of resource or by keyword. The results include articles, reports, studies, program information, research findings, links to multi-media resources and newsletters. Some material is in foreign languages and you can select by language to locate these.

Web sites which were featured in previous *Linked* columns are arranged by subject category on the *Reference Services* page of the

Provincial Library web site at <http://www.library.ns.ca/services/reference/index.htm>. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at morriscc@gov.ns.ca.

PROFESSIONAL READING

In this month's column, two recent additions to the Professional Collection are featured. These items can be borrowed through regular interlibrary loan channels. Please send requests via email to inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca (or tel: 902-424-2479/ fax: 902-424-0633).

Baker, Lynda and Manbeck, Virginia - *Consumer health information for public librarians*. Lanham, Md. : Scarecrow Press, 2002.

Call #: PROF 025 .27 Bak

This book focuses on meeting the health information needs of consumers in conjunction with a wide range of community partners. Beginning with a community analysis, the authors examine both consumers and the health care environment. The nine chapters of this book address a historical perspective, collection development issues, internet sources, promotion, outreach, staff development and the evaluation of consumer health resources.

LaGuardia, Cheryl - *Magazines for libraries*. 12th edition. New York : Bowker, 2003

Call # : PROF 011 .34 Mag

This book is an old classic collection development tool which has gone through many editions. Now in its 12th edition , this book aims to provide critical analysis of journals, magazines and databases to create and maintain quality collections of all sizes. It provides more than 6,850 full-text reviews and recommendations from nearly 200 subject specialists.

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